



Town of Garrett Park  
PO Box 84  
4600 Waverly Avenue  
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council  
Public Teleconference

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## Town Council Meeting: June 8, 2020

### MINUTES

**Call to Order (7:34 PM)** – Mayor Kacky called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Present on the call were Councilmembers Gerilee Bennett, Mario Grande, Stephen Paczkowski, Phil Schulp, and Dan Simons. Also on the call were Town Manager Andrea Fox, Town Assistant Elizabeth Henley, Bugle Reporter Ed Lincoln, and approximately 18 residents.

**Approval of Agenda (7:34 PM)** – Councilmembers Bennett and Grande moved to add the agenda item “Potential Statement Regarding Fair Treatment” under New Business. Council unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

**Approval of Minutes (7:38 PM)** – The content of the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes and potential amendments to the minutes was discussed. A majority of Council approved the minutes without changes by a vote of four in favor and one in opposition.

**Presentations by Residents (7:55 PM)** – A resident of Albemarle spoke on behalf of her son about his request to create artwork in support of Black Lives Matter that would go on top of the cover-up of the hate speech graffiti that was in the parking lot by the train tracks.

#### Action (8:03 PM)

- *Variance Request for 4705 Argyle – Councilmember Paczkowski.* The variance request was described, as outlined in a report issued by the Land Use Committee. Councilmember Simons moved to approve the variance, Councilmember Schulp seconded, and the variance was unanimously approved. Councilmember Paczkowski will send the homeowners the architectural recommendations made by the Land Use Committee regarding the roofline.

#### New Business (8:17 PM)

- *Potential Statement Regarding Fair Treatment – Councilmembers Bennett and Grande.* Possible actions to express support for the movement to end racial profiling and discrimination were discussed. Councilmember Bennett proposed holding a public meeting to discuss this topic further.
- *Future Sidewalks & Curbs (Oxford, Waverly, Kenilworth) – Mayor Kacky and Town Manager Fox.* Timing and next steps for the construction of Town-funded sidewalks was discussed. There is a timeliness issue for Kenilworth – if the work is to be done now, approvals need to be secured from SHA; if work happens later, the SRTS sidewalk should terminate in a way that allows for an extension. The (contract) Town Engineer will prepare an estimate with a table of options and costs to redo the sidewalk and curb on Oxford, Waverly, and Kenilworth.
- *Repaving Timeline – Mayor Kacky and Town Manager Fox.* The (contract) Town Engineer will assess the road condition for all of Oxford Street, with special attention to

the block between Weymouth and Keswick. Based on the assessment, an estimate will be provided that lists the costs to repave Oxford, and to smooth out the gutter pan.

- *Construction Project Manager – Mayor Kacky and Town Manager Fox.* A (contract) construction project manager could be hired to manage Town construction projects, i.e. SRTS, Town-funded sidewalks, stormwater, etc. Mayor Kacky and Town Manager Fox will create a Scope of Work (to be reviewed by Councilmembers Paczkowski and Schulp), interview candidates, and get a rough order of magnitude of the cost. This information will be sent to Council for review; nothing will be signed in the meantime.

#### **Town Updates (9:33 PM)**

- *SRTS Project – Mayor Kacky.* There have been some contractor and subcontractor staffing changes; there is a new excavating company and field inspector. The concrete subcontractor finished the ramps on Shelly and Oxford and poured concrete. The next items addressed will be the topsoil and sediment and erosion control issues.
- *Traffic & Parking – Councilmember Schulp.* A proposed traffic flow was described that would enable Black Market to have outdoor seating by closing a section of Waverly in front of Penn Place. Some minimal Town funds may need to be spent to make this happen.

**Town Manager's Report (9:58 PM)** – The May Financial Report and Town Manager's Report were summarized by Town Manager Fox.

**Mayor Kacky adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.**



Signed,

*Andrea Fox*

Andrea Fox, Clerk-Treasurer